

Welfare Kids' Fathers Owe \$1 Million Support



MOOSE WHO CAME TO DINNER: Tinker, a 2-year-old moose calf, has been coming to the Paul Crisman home in Fairbanks, Alaska for three meals a day for the past six weeks. Tinker scratches outside until the kitchen window is opened, then

sticks his head in to eat from the table. He eats 50 pounds of vegetables a day. Crisman collects them from produce departments of local stores. Dining with Tinker are Mrs. Crisman and her daughter, Michele. (AP Wirephoto)

State Still \$70 Million From Balanced Budget

LANSING (AP) — A \$70 million stumbling block still separates Michigan from a balanced budget today, despite house and senate appropriations committee endorsement of a \$38 million spending cut.

Gov. William Milliken ordered the \$38 million reduction, including a 4% per cent cut in local school districts' gross operating budgets—immediately following the constitutionally required committee authorization Thursday.

The entire Legislature, however, must deal with the remaining proposals for \$70 million in fund switches aimed at pulling the state out of a projected \$108 million deficit blamed on the General Motors strike and a softening in the national economy.

DEFICIT LOOMING

One chance, which thus far has encountered no strong criticism among lawmakers, calls for a \$25 million step-up in collection of corporate taxes—from July to June 30, the last day of the current fiscal year.

A hassle appeared certain over the second major money maneuver, a \$45 million transfer from the State Uninsured Motorist Fund to the general fund. Milliken agreed to play for repayment of the fund, but refused to endorse Democratic Secretary of State Richard H. Austin's plea for payment of interest for the vehicle fund loan.

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Other major cuts authorized included: —\$5.87 million in capital outlay programs. —\$1 million in lapsed money earmarked for teaching the handicapped. —\$1.5 million from the originally authorized \$22 million pay.

'ROBIN HOOD' APPROACH

Senate Appropriations chairman Charles O. Zollar, R-Benton Harbor, called the new tack a "Robin Hood approach," since districts with richer local financing efforts could face larger cuts than those with poor local money bases.

The governor also ordered a 20 per cent reduction in the \$19.5 million "grandfather clause," which specified that no district would get less state money this year than last. Milliken first proposed a \$12 million cut in the fund, but that was trimmed to nearly \$3.3 million.

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Berrien Probing 635 Cases

Some Dads Face Day In Court

Fathers of children on welfare in Berrien county owe more than \$1 million in back child support payments.

Ronald Moses, prosecutor for the special welfare unit of the Berrien prosecutor's office, said an examination showed an arrearage total of \$1,069,357 among 635 Berrien cases involving children on welfare — primarily ADC — whose fathers are under court order to make child support payments.

SOME PAYING

Of the 635 cases, 25 have no arrearages or are ahead of assigned payments, and others, their number yet unknown to Moses' staff, may be paying off the arrearages, Moses said.

A study of friend of the court ADC records involved personnel from the prosecutor and friend of the court's office and county Department of Social Services and covered 635 welfare child support cases on hand through Jan. 31, 1971.

Arrearages as of Nov. 30, 1970, range from a few dollars up to \$14,665 in one case, the welfare probe "master list" shows. Many run from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

TAXPAYER PAYS

When fathers of welfare children don't pay support money, the taxpayer does. Each ADC mother gets a stipulated monthly allotment. Child support money is figured as part of that allotment. If the father doesn't pay, his share comes out of ADC funds, supplied half by the State of Michigan and half by the federal government.

One result of the system is that ADC mothers have no financial interest in going to court to force fathers to pay up. On the other hand, divorced mothers not on welfare go after ex-spouses who don't pay child support because the government does not pay the delinquent accounts.

Moses said he planned next Monday to have his staff begin referring fathers in arrears to John Schoenhals, the friend of the court, so Schoenhals can increase the tempo of court appearances for fathers not yet under orders to pay up arrearages.

The multi-agency study of arrearages began last November with a comparison of various records in the friend of the court's office. The fathers are under orders to pay child support to the friend of the court through divorce or paternity actions.

The prosecutor's special welfare unit, assisted by one staff member from the county social services department, several months ago began a crackdown on welfare abuse with "dun" letters to errant fathers. It also made arrests for welfare fraud and criminal nonsupport, and recently began filing civil suits in Berrien circuit court to obtain child support payments from fathers not previously ordered to pay.

APPEARANCES SET

Moses said he hoped a combined effort by his staff and



GARDEN SETTING: Tricia Nixon is escorted by a White House social aide, Marine Capt. Stephen A. Munson of Hinsdale, Ill., Thursday night through a garden-decorated lobby of the executive mansion in Washington. They went into the East Room where President Nixon was host to visiting Italian Prime Minister Emilio Colombo at a state dinner. The added floral decor was for a television special being filmed in the mansion. (AP Wirephoto)

Fired Health Dept. Official Fights Back

Olsen's Replacement Already Hired

The director of the environmental health division of the Berrien county health department has been dismissed, but has filed an appeal seeking reinstatement.

Jerry Erickson, acting director, said Earle H. Olsen, 38, the chief environmentalist and a health department employee since November, 1966, was off the payroll effective Feb. 12 and that a replacement has been named.

Erickson said the severance of pay was on his authority but declined to elaborate or to say

if or why Olsen has been fired.

However, Olsen's counsel, Benton Harbor Atty. F.A. "Mike" Jones, said Olsen was notified in writing by Erickson that Olsen's employment was terminated.

REQUESTS HEARING

Atty. Jones said he has requested a public hearing before the Berrien county board of health to review the termination and obtain Olsen's reinstatement. No date is set yet for a hearing, Jones said.

He declined to elaborate further.

Olsen, of Route 6, Dowagiac, also has been director of environmental health for the Cass county health department. He continues to serve in his position with that department, according to a Cass health department spokesman.

During his service with the Berrien health department Olsen was a central figure in several public controversies. He closed Pipestone lake to swimming after declaring it polluted last summer, and he headed a crackdown on a number of property owners in the Water-viet area where overflow from septic tanks was causing surface pollution. Recently, Olsen told Silver Creek township officials in Cass county that



EARLE H. OLSEN

Indian lake is polluted.

APPOINTMENT MADE

Erickson also announced the appointment of Richard A. Ives, 29, of 2774 Trail lane, St. Joseph township, as Berrien county health department acting chief environmentalist for an indefinite period.

A 1966 graduate of Ferris State college with a bachelor's degree in environmental health,

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Gunman Robs, Rapes Detroit Nun

DETROIT (AP) — A Roman Catholic nun was raped and robbed of \$60 at St. Raymond Convent in Detroit today, police said.

Authorities said a youth carrying a gun broke into the basement boiler room window, attacked a nun, and then fled.

A youth was arrested nearby and held for investigation, police said.

It was the second incidence of violence involving a nun this week.

On Thursday, a nun at another convent was shot to death.

Nearly two weeks ago, the nuns at St. Raymond announced they would not continue teaching at the all-white elementary school after June. The nuns charged parents of students with racism and "un-Christian attitudes."

The resignations sparked a demonstration against the action.

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ATOMIC PLANTS DEFENDED

State Calls Professor's Report 'Biased'

LANSING (AP) — The State Public Health Department today termed a report that infant mortality is greater in the vicinity of nuclear power plants than elsewhere "an apparently biased conclusion."

The department referred to a report by Dr. Ernest Sternglass, of the department of radiology, school of medicine, at the University of Pittsburgh.

The department particularly found fault with a report by Sternglass on "infant mortality

changes near the Big Rock Point nuclear power station." The station is located in Charlevoix County, on the shores of Lake Michigan.

DON'T AGREE

The department said its own statistics on infant deaths in the state do not agree with the figures used by Sternglass.

The U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare also "finds fault with the way in which Sternglass uses his data," the state department

said. The Sternglass papers, the department said, "have not been based on scientific tests, but rather on statistical data of infant mortality rates and reactor plant emission, selecting and rejecting figures to arrive at an apparently biased conclusion."

The department said Sternglass used a 10-county chart upon which to base his statistics.

Significantly, the department

said, "Charlevoix, the county in which the plant is located, and Emmet County, directly east of the site and in line with prevailing winds, had a decrease in infant mortality in 1966-67."

'QUESTIONABLE'

The department said the conclusion that the reactor plant has an influence over 10 counties "is certainly questionable when the two closest counties show no effect and he is forced to use counties far to the south

to buoy his figures to reach a conclusion that the infant mortality rate has risen as a result of reactor operation."

The department said its own monitoring stations in the area have shown fluctuations but "other monitoring stations in Michigan also showed an increase."

"These could be traced in nuclear testing elsewhere in the world," the department said.

"Long hours are spent in evaluating data from the tests,

so that any unusual pattern can be detected as soon as it emerges," the department said. "No such patterns have been seen that would indicate a significant change in environmental radiation as a result of the (Big Point) reactor operation."

The department said Sternglass uses an "irresponsible method of interpreting and selecting figures to fit his conclusions."

In summary, the department

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Recreational Land: Boom And Bust

Owning a place in the country any country is one of the great American dreams. The New York skiing enthusiast yearns for a mini chalet in Vermont. The snowbound Chicagoan thinks long thoughts about a Caribbean hideaway. As the developers of oceanfront property in Costa Rica tauntingly ask in a current ad: "In all truth, isn't it sort of self destruction to accept without demur the dank cheerless clutch of winter cold the wintry faces of wintry people?"

Yes, a thousand times yes! On the other hand, a wintry feeling has been known to grip the hearts of people who have invested in recreational land. The Arizona ranchette turns out to have no water supply and scant prospect of ever obtaining one. The title to the wooded lakeside plot is clouded.

The recreational land boom in California has reached such proportions that there is a legislative Subcommittee on Premature Subdivisions to deal with it. Al Delugach recently commented in the Los Angeles Times that, "One of the earmarks of a premature subdivision is the heavy sales promotion of investment potential. Another is the low potential for developing a viable community."

A third earmark, perhaps the most telltale of any, is the hard sell approach to potential customers. The would be buyer is offered a free dinner, trading stamps, or a copper chafing dish if only he will visit the development site. Jerry Tucker, a Shasta County real estate man, told the California subcommittee that the sales pitch employed by some recreational developers was like "something patterned after the techniques of high pressure used car salesmen."

Title XIV of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 is designed to protect the purchaser of recreational land. It requires persons selling sub

divided, undeveloped land in interstate commerce or through the mails to file a statement with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The statement is to include information about the title of the land, its physical nature, and the availability of roads and utilities.

Furthermore, the developer is required to furnish prospective buyers with a property report based on the statement submitted to HUD. The trouble is, as Washington newscaster John Goldsmith pointed out last autumn, "The government does not inspect the land, it does not check on the accuracy or adequacy of the information supplied." In such a situation, the buyer had best be doubly aware.

Conservationists view recreational subdivisions much as they would an oil spill. They fear that areas of unspoiled natural beauty will degenerate into "vacation slums." Oregon is one state that is trying to keep both population growth and tourism in bounds in the interest of preserving its environment.

Other states may follow Oregon's example, or at least wish they could do so. A prime candidate is New Hampshire. Almost 350,000 persons own vacation homes in the rapidly growing Granite State, which has a year round population of 737,681. Rapid growth, Linnea Staples of the New Hampshire Sunday News points out "discourages rather than encourages the tourists who come for elbow room and clean air (and) puts demands on state services above and beyond what the average citizen pays in."

Perhaps, then, the buyer of recreational land should opt for some remote acreage in Venezuela or Brazil? Maybe not. Such property has a way of being expropriated, as many American buyers of land in Mato Grosso and Goias in Brazil learned to their sorrow.

Russia's Anti-Jewish Policy

Though seven Jews left Russia for Israel this week, the Kremlin is stalling the departure of two Zionist families for a three-day meeting in Brussels, starting Tuesday, to discuss the Jew's situation in the Soviet Union. The Kremlin reportedly denied visas for several others wanting to make the trip.

Tass, the official Soviet news agency calls the Brussels meeting a "fresh anti-Soviet provocation that will discuss the so called Jewish question in the Soviet Union concocted in the West."

Soviet policy is showing overtones of the virulent anti-Semitism of the Czarist era, but with a significant difference. During the centuries of persecution under the Czars, official policy was to separate the Jew from the rest of the Russian people. Now the thrust is toward assimilation.

"We are the only people in the Soviet Union who are ordered openly, in plain terms, to assimilate, to dissolve, to disappear among other peoples," states a declaration signed by 77 Russian Jews. It was smuggled out of Russia last September and delivered to the United Nations General Assembly. "We declare that forced assimilation is the same thing as genocide."

The Kremlin policy is backfir-

ing, creating a revival of Jewish nationalism and identification with Israel. In the face of a policy laced with Soviet support of Arabs in the Middle East as well as traditional anti-Semitism, many of the some three million Russian Jews would like to emigrate to Israel.

"Why does this shameful phenomenon keep cropping up?" asked Nikita S. Khrushchev in his purported memoirs. "Partly it's because anti-Semitism was very much with us in the old days and it's hard to get rid of."

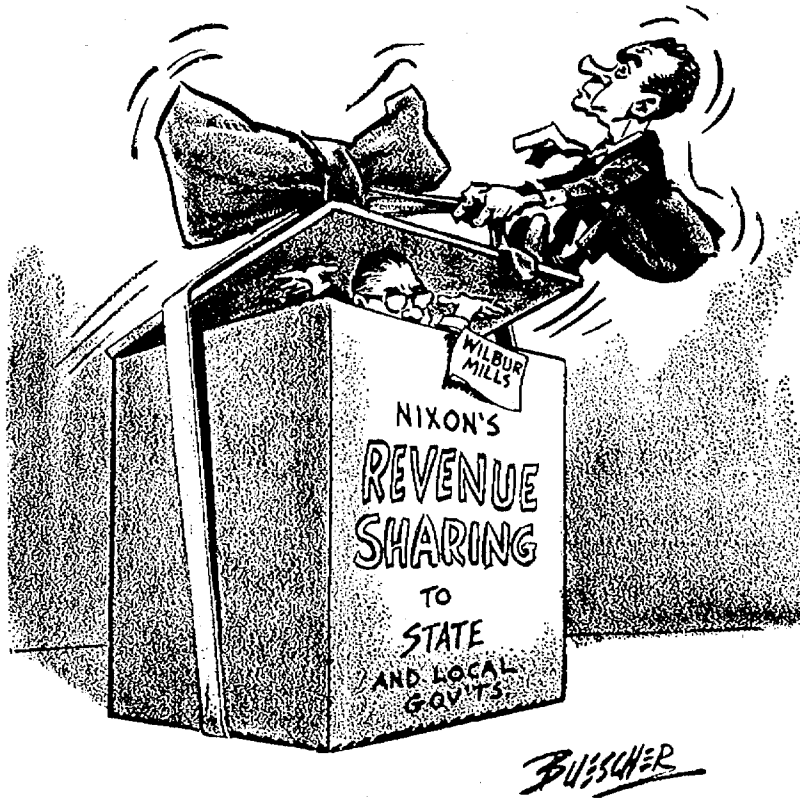
When Russia gained a large Jewish population after the partition of Poland, Catherine the Great decreed in 1791 that almost all Jews had to live within the Pale of Settlement, a narrow strip of western Russia and Poland. In this ghetto atmosphere, the Jews of the Pale nurtured their own social and cultural institutions, including Yiddish publishing houses, theaters and educational and welfare organizations.

It was a world memorialized in the tales of Sholem Aleichem, one which finally disappeared into the ovens of Auschwitz. With government backing, bloody anti-Jewish riots, or pogroms, flared in the latter part of the 19th century. They were often touched off by false charges of ritual murder. Hundreds of thousands of Jews fled Eastern Europe, most of them coming to the United States.

The 1917 Russian Revolution was looked upon by many Russian Jews as a liberating force. The Bolsheviks not only made anti-Semitism a crime but established an autonomous Jewish province in Birobidzhan in Central Asia. Yet many of the leading Jews were executed in the Stalinist purges of the 1930s. Jewish cultural and religious life was all but destroyed. Official anti-Semitism decreased during World War II and Jews ranked fifth among all the Soviet nationalities in decorations.

Stalin revived anti-Semitism after the war.

Jack-Out-Of-The-Box



GLANCING BACKWARDS

PLANT GOES SMOKELESS

Auto Specialties has gone smokeless at its Riverside plant and by mid-1971 its Edgewater plant in St. Joseph will follow suit. By that time the cost to Ausco will approach \$1.3 million.

Walter Laetz, vice president and secretary, has been in overall charge of the company's pollution efforts. Laetz says that at the Riverside plant, which employs 300 workers in the production of large rear axle housings and transmission parts of various sizes, Ausco spent over \$300,000 to eliminate the smoke problem.

GAS RATE HIKE SOUGHT IN AREA

Michigan Gas Utilities Co., serving some 50 communities in southern and western Michigan, has applied to the State Public Service Commission for a rate increase.

The company set no percentage or dollar amount but said "a substantial increase" would be required to establish a proper and reasonable rate of return on its investment.

BRITISH DRIVE WEDGE DEEPER

British South African troops slashing into Italian-conquered Ethiopia were reported today to

have captured the Fascist garrison at Mega along with 600 prisoners, while other British forces were locked in heavy fighting with the Italians on the Somali front.

Mega is 40 miles north of the Kenya colony frontier, where the South Africans started their drive into the kingdom taken from ex-Emperor Haile Selassie in 1935-36.

IN THE HOLE

The Twin City Railway company is "in the red" \$533 on January's operations, a statement issued by General Manager W. E. Welcher's office showed today with a report made of the street car company's activities for the month.

STAR GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bastar of 719 Lake boulevard have as their guests the movie star, Miss Virginia Corbin, and her mother, Mrs. Virginia Corbin, of Hollywood, Calif.

GONE TO VISIT

Philip Daly and Charles Stone have gone to Lansing to visit friends for a few days.

FATHER & SON

Calvin Britain Potter Jr., one of St. Joseph's bright, meritorious young men, was admitted to the bar, and has entered into a co-partnership with his father under the firm name of Potter & Potter.

WILLIAM RITT

You're Telling Me!

As far as we know, no big battles were fought on this date but Feb. 19 made a noise in history. On Feb. 19 in 1878 Thomas A. Edison got a patent on his new invention — the phonograph.

The dimple has been said to be a sign of intelligence — Factograph item. Who says beauty and brains do not mix?

The Statue of Liberty weighs about 225 tons. She's our No. 1 heroine, even if she is a heavy.

Chicago's Brookfield Zoo reports that last month a female pigmy hippopotamus, a female organutan and a female okapi were born there. What's this? Ladies' Day at the zoo?

Grizzly bears usually are born in January or February — nature item. That's understandable — those being the two meanest months, weatherwise.

People may be seeking living space on the Moon by the year 2471, says a space expert. From satellite to suburb in 500 years?

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DR. COLEMAN

..And Speaking Of Your Health

Because we live in a small town, my wife and I are tempted to try to order dental plates by mail.

Is there any danger?

Mr. W. F. N. Dak.
Dear Mr. F.: There probably is more foolishness in this venture.

I have seen the "tempting" mail-order advertisement and I hardly believe that anyone could care so little about himself that he would take this chance of getting properly fitting teeth.

There are very few towns that do not have good dental services available within a reasonable distance. Surely, your deserves the few trips necessary to prepare dentures properly.

Modern dentistry makes it possible for dentures to be custom-made, with maximum comfort. Why risk the possibility of mail-order error?

There can be no substitute for the exacting science of dentistry. When dental plates are made, your entire mouth is examined, clinically and by X-ray, to be sure that no chronic disease is present. Certainly, this cannot be done by mail.

The temptation to buy dentures by mail may be great. But the disappointment may be greater.

What is the difference between a partial hysterectomy and a complete one?

How is the choice made?

Mrs. E. R., Ind.
Dear Mrs. R.: The uterus, or

womb, consists of two anatomical parts: the major portion known as the body of the uterus, and the smaller part, or opening, known as the cervix.

Both the body and the cervix of the uterus are removed in a total hysterectomy. When the cervix is left, the operation is considered a partial hysterectomy.

Since this type of surgery is done for a wide variety of reasons, the choice depends entirely on the findings of the doctor and his surgical judgment.

Whether or not the rest of the female organs (the ovaries and the Fallopian tubes) are removed must necessarily depend on the critical judgment of the surgeon.

It is imperative that anyone about to undergo this type of surgery know a great deal about the physical and emotional aftereffects.

The confusion that sometimes occurs can be most distressing. All intimate and personal questions should be asked of your physician before this or any other type of surgery is performed.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Failure to use seat belts increases the risk of severe injury by almost 100 percent. Don't gamble.

Dr. Lester Coleman has a special eye-care booklet available for readers of this column called, "What You Should Know About Glaucoma and Cataracts."

For your copy, send 25 cents in coin and a large, self-addressed 6-cent stamped envelope to Lester L. Coleman, M.D., P.O. Box 5170 Grand Central Station, New York, N.Y. 10017. Please mention the booklet by title.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

You are South, both sides vulnerable. The bidding has been:

North East South West
1♥ 2♣ ?

What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

1. ♠A J 7 4 2 ♥8 3 ♦J 6 2 ♣K Q 9
2. ♠Q 8 7 3 ♥Q 8 4 ♦K J 9 8 5 4 6
3. ♠K J 7 8 ♥Q 7 6 ♦K J 3 ♣A Q 8 4
4. ♠K J 9 6 2 ♥K Q 7 5 ♦A J 8 7 ♣—

1. Double. If you were to bid two spades instead, you would probably be unable to stay out of game, and therefore before selecting a call you should pause to consider whether game is likely to be there.

At the point where North opens with a heart, you can't tell whether you side has game or not. If he has a minimum bid, game is unlikely, for it usually takes two opening bids (or their equivalent) to make a game — and you have less than an opening bid.

The prospects for game hardly change when East overcalls with two clubs. If you were to bid two spades and found partner with minimum values and no spade fit, you might find yourself on the way to a game that simply was not there.

It is better to grab a sure profit by doubling two clubs. If North has a normal opening bid and passes the double, East will probably go down one or two

tricks. A bid in the hand is worth two in the bush!

2. Two hearts. The choice lies between two diamonds and two hearts. The chief objection to two diamonds is that it forces partner to speak again in a hand where stopping at a low level might easily be best.

Furthermore, there is the danger that two diamonds will elicit two hearts from partner, in which case a pass would result in suppression of your heart support, while a raise to three hearts would indicate greater values than you have.

3. Three notrump. Game must be considered certain and you therefore don't bother to double two clubs, even though the hand is stronger defensively than the one given in the first question. The jump to three notrump also alerts partner to the possibility of a slam. It indicates 14 to 16 points, as well as balanced distribution.

4. Three clubs. This hand is highly likely to produce a slam if partner does not have wasted club strength. It is true you have only 14 high-card points, but point count is a highly undependable criterion in distributional hands.

The immediate cuebid designates a void, though it may also be used to show first-round control in the form of the ace. It implies good trump support and shows a very pronounced interest in a slam.

The follow-up depends on what partner does next.

RUTH RAMSEY

Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!
1 — What is an epithalamium?
2 — What is "The Vulgate"?
3 — What is majolica?
4 — What is a philatelist?
5 — What is a lapidary?

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He has also appeared in dramatic roles on television, where he is best known as the star of "M Squad," a police series that he made between 1957 and 1960.

Marvin was born in New York in 1924. His father was an advertising executive and his mother, who died in 1963, was a beauty consultant and fashion editor.

Partly because his family was always traveling and partly because he was a troublesome student, he attended a succession of schools on the East Coast. He dropped out of high school and joined the Marines, serving in the South Pacific.

Marvin for years has been the sole redeeming actor in a series of otherwise dreary films.

Some of his more memorable films include "Bad Day at Black Rock," "Pete Kelly's Blues," "The Rack," "Raintree County," "The Wild One."

An example of Marvin's life style can be seen in his acceptance speech when he said simply: "Half of this (Oscar) belongs to a horse someplace out in the valley."

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1 — A hymn in praise of a bride and bridegroom.
2 — The Latin Bible.
3 — A kind of earthenware, coated with enamel.
4 — A stamp collector.
5 — One who cuts, engraves and polishes stones and gems.

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RECOMMEND MERGER: Mrs. Gordon McKnight (right) presents report to Mrs. Lester Tiscornia, president of the Twin Cities Area Community Services Council, recommending a merger of the Berrien County Family Counseling Service and the southwest branch of Michigan Children's Aid Society. Both are United Fund agencies, and CSC is the planning body of UCF. Mrs. McKnight was chairman of a nine-month study on the merger question. Final action rests with the United Fund board of directors. (Staff photo)

Merger Of Two UCF Agencies Recommended

The Twin Cities Area Community Services council has recommended a merger of two United Community Fund agencies—the Berrien County Family Counseling Service and the southwest branch of Michigan Children's Aid Society.

Mrs. Gordon McKnight, chairman of a special CSC merger feasibility study, this week presented an extensive report on her committee's findings to Mrs. Lester Tiscornia, CSC president. The study, which took nine months to complete, has been referred to the United Fund board of directors for future action.

The Community Services council, which is the planning body of UCF, studies the applications of new agencies seeking membership in the United Fund. As part of its attempt to determine community needs, it also considers the possibility of mergers of agencies that provide related services.

"The council feels that the Twin Cities community is better served by consolidating services and avoiding duplication," Mrs. Tiscornia said. "Through a carefully planned merger of these two agencies, the programs of both would be enhanced."

BEGAN LAST MAY
Mrs. McKnight's committee began its work last May. Serving with her on the study group were Miss Mary Meyer, Mrs. Gertha Robbins, Mrs. Ronald Sondes and Dr. Gerhard Carlson.

The committee report praises the work of both agencies but notes that some areas of service

are similar and that more effective programs could probably be developed through merger.

Michigan Children's Aid Society was founded in St. Joseph 77 years ago. Its staff of four professional workers serves Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties and deals in foster care home placements, adoptions and counseling for unwed mothers.

UNWED MOTHERS
Family Counseling Service also works with unwed mothers and provides counseling in the fields of family conflict, child behavior, financial problems, alcoholism and mental health. Its newest program is the homemaker service, which provides "substitute mothers" in homes where the mother is ill or away. Founded in 1948, FCS is currently without an executive director. Mrs. Anne Bennett, former FCS director, died last November.

The Community Services council study notes that mergers of Michigan Children's Aid offices and local family service agencies have taken place in Adrian, Alpena, Ann Arbor—Ypsilanti, Battle Creek, Holland, Jackson, Marquette, Midland and Mount Clemens. According to Mrs. McKnight, interviews with directors of several of the merged programs indicated successful ventures.

Water System Hearing Due At Stevensville

Stevensville's village council recessed last night's regular session for one week so that a public information meeting on the fate of the village's \$250,000 water system may be arranged.

The council agreed informally that it would set a date for a referendum on the issue following the hearing. It previously has decided a vote should be held but had left the date open. March 8, the date of the regular village election, has been mentioned as a possibility.

WATER PROGRAM

Sale or lease of the system to the Lake Michigan Shoreline Water Authority is tied to the village's program for getting water service from St. Joseph.

The village and the village of Shoreham and townships of Lincoln and St. Joseph comprise the authority which is to acquire water from St. Joseph city under a contractual agreement.

The date for the public information meeting was tentatively set for Feb. 25, subject to the availability of key representatives and of a suitable meeting place.

The confirmed date is to be announced later by Village President Conrad Stampohar.

Among those who will be asked to attend are Robert DeVries, chairman of the Shoreline Water and Sewer authority; James Granger, project engineer for the water and sewer programs; James Small, immediate past chairman of the Shoreline authority; and William Kelley, of the state health department.

Stampohar told the council that the water supply line from St. Joseph has been connected to the Stevensville system, and is separated now only by a valve.

Opening that valve, he said, awaits the completion of an interim agreement to purchase water under the authority system.

The agreement is currently undergoing a revision to reflect last minute suggestions from the village trustees.

In another related action last night, the council approved a schedule of water meter and tap-in charges which were submitted by the City of St. Joseph.

Charles Barger, a representative of the water authority, said that Lincoln and St. Joseph townships and Shoreham have already approved it.

VARIABLE CHARGE
The schedule calls for a variable tap-in charge ranging from \$100 for a 3/4-inch pipe, up to \$350 for a 2-inch line, and meter installation fees of from \$800 or a 3/4-inch line to \$280 for a 2-inch connection.

Tap-in charges for pipes of over two inches would be figured on a cost plus 10 percent basis, he said.

Barger said all of the initial scheduled fees would be subject to reduction if experience indicates that they are too high.

In a separate action last night, the council appointed Trustees Charles Koch and Robert Nolan to meet with merchants Don DeFord, Richard Boelke and Max Corwin to

Polluting Factory Will Close

FRANKFORT (AP) — Declaring it is economically impossible to meet an anti-pollution deadline imposed by the state, Pet, Inc. today announced it is closing its Frozen Foods division plant in Frankfort at the end of 1972.

Donald Fox, plant manager, said the State Water Resources commission ordered the firm to stop discharging untreated wastes into Betsie Bay by Jan. 1, 1973, and the firm finds it impossible to meet the deadline.

The plant, which employs 150 persons during the peak fruit picking season, makes frozen fruit pies and frozen fruit specialty items.

Musselman-Dwan fruit processing plants in St. Joseph and Paw Paw are also subsidiaries of Pet Inc., but are in a different division of the firm.



MICHAEL L. MURPHY

Appointed By Credit Union

Michael L. Murphy has been appointed to the newly-created position of loan counselor and collector of the Berrien Teachers Credit union. Appointment was announced by Franklin J. Jackson, treasurer-manager.

Murphy, former acting manager of GAC Finance Corp. of Benton Harbor, is a Navy veteran, graduate of Bremen, Ind., high school and attended Ball State university. He and his wife, Micky, and two children live at 3043 Royalton Heights road, St. Joseph.

Jackson also announced the annual meeting of the credit union will be Monday, 6:45 p.m., Benton Harbor Elks Country club. James Blishe will speak on "Direct Funds Transfer" and entertainment will be by the Mardigras Singers of Benton Harbor high school. Reports will be made on credit union operations and members elected to the board of directors and credit committee.

Berrien teachers credit union, organized in 1934, has 2,750 members and total assets of \$2,544,437. All school employees in the county are eligible to join.

White Girls' Fight Probed At BHHS

Benton Harbor police Thursday noon investigated a report of a fight between two white females at Benton Harbor high school.

Chief William McClaran said Patrolman Steve Dewitt was on routine traffic control duty when he was informed by a school employee of a crowd gathering behind the school. Most of the crowd dispersed as Dewitt approached. He interviewed some students who gave no indication of any fight.

A school official told police later there had been an altercation between two white students.



C-MEDS OFFICIALS SPEAK: Four officials of Comprehensive Multi-Economic Development Systems, Inc., explained the history and organization of the program in a presentation to the Model Cities Steering Council last night. Left to right: Carl Brown, vice-president for administration and per-

sonnel; Glen Yarbrough, director of career development and follow-up service; Robert Rumney, vice-president for cooperative development and business affairs; and C. L. Houston, assistant director of counseling services.

'WANT TRUTH TOLD'

C-MEDS Take Case To Model Cities

BY BILL RUSH
Staff Writer

C-MEDS officials stepped forward last night to explain their organization before the Model Cities Citizens Steering Council (CSC).

Comprehensive Multi-Economic Development Systems, Inc. (C-MEDS), a non-profit organization established last July 9, was represented by Clarence T. Richards, Consultant, and four officials: Robert Rumney, Carl Brown, Glen Yarbrough, and C. L. Houston. Each explained his role in the organization.

HEAVILY CRITICIZED

"C-MEDS asked for time at the regular CSC meeting to present a factual report on their organization," Mrs. Esther Kizer, acting CSC chairman, said. "They have been heavily criticized recently and want the truth told," she added.

C-MEDS has come under criticism from Tri-Cap (Tri-County Community Action Program) officials. The C-MEDS board of directors includes Richards, Rumney, Brown, and

Dale Kromminga, all ex-Tri-CAP officials.

C-MEDS is conducting manpower training classes at Lake Michigan college. It is currently being funded through contracts with WIN (Work Incentive program) and the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation. Classes last year enrolled 201 persons. C-MEDS placed 112 in jobs and 39 in further training.

OUTGROWTH OF OTHERS

Richards, a community affairs specialist at Lake Michigan college, said C-MEDS is an outgrowth of other groups that were involved in training of the hard core unemployed.

C-MEDS has gradually consolidated a area training programs for the hard core unemployed. "Last July C-MEDS was formed as a comprehensive training program to help the hard core unemployed get jobs and stay on jobs. The purpose is to get government contracts to set up and run manpower training programs for other agencies," Richards said.

In September, C-MEDS mov-

ed to its present offices at 241 East Main street Benton Harbor. Classrooms are leased from Lake Michigan college on the Britain campus, Richards said.

Robert Rumney, C-MEDS vice president for cooperative development and business affairs, said his job entails working with financial projects and business proposals.

TELLS QUALIFICATIONS

Carl Brown, vice president for administration and personnel, said he was born in Benton Harbor, served in the U.S. Air Force, and attended both Lake Michigan college and Michigan State university. He worked as a quality control specialist at Whirlpool before helping form C-MEDS.

Glen Yarbrough, director of career development and follow-up service, said he came to Benton Harbor in 1958. "I made some mistakes and was sentenced to five years in a correctional institution. I learned how easy it is to get in trouble and how hard to get out," he said.

Yarbrough said he was released in June 1966 and was "determined not to go back." "I poured iron for Bendix Corp. for several years before becoming a C-MEDS director in 1969," he said.

"C-MEDS has a 10-week pre-employment orientation program. My job is to get our graduates working. I placed about 82 persons in 1970,"



C. T. RICHARDS
C-MEDS Consultant

Yarbrough said.

KNOWS INDUSTRIES
"I know all the industries in the Twin Cities. My motto is keep a person on the job if you can," Yarbrough said.

L. C. Houston, assistant director for counseling services, said he has resided in Benton Harbor for 13 years. "Benton Harbor looked like the promised land until I started living here," Houston said.

"We on C-MEDS have been called young black militants

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Shooting Ruled Self Defense

Levon Johnson acted in self defense Tuesday night when he shot to death a man who confronted him on Highland avenue in Benton township, the county prosecutor has ruled.

Johnson, 36, of 1133 Blossom lane, Benton township, was released from custody after Prosecutor Ronald J. Taylor ruled self defense. Johnson had been held on an open charge of murder but the charge was not authorized.

The victim, Sammy Hopson, 49, of 584 Green avenue, Benton Harbor, was found dead, beside Highland avenue, with a bullet wound in his upper chest and left arm.

FIRE THROUGH WINDOW

According to police reports, Hopson pulled beside a car occupied by Johnson and Hopson's common-law wife, Ular Mae (Long) Hopson, 54. Hopson approached their car, fired a shot through the window on the driver's side, where Mr. Hopson sat, then ran to the passenger side.

Mrs. Hopson was treated at Benton Harbor Mercy hospital for a bullet wound in the left shoulder. Johnson told police he reached for a handgun on the front seat of the car, between him and Mrs. Hopson, after he was struck on the head.

Andrew G. Novikoff, chief investigator in the prosecutor's office, said the prosecutor is considering possible charges against the owner of the gun if the owner can be determined.

Mrs. Hopson told police her life had been threatened several times since her separation from her husband eight months ago.

Tri-CAP Still Hopes For Federal Funds

There was a new flicker of hope for Tri-CAP as a result of a meeting yesterday in Chicago with an Office of Economic Opportunity official, according to Mrs. Helen Ford, executive director of the anti-poverty agency for Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties.

Mrs. Ford and Rev. Eugene Wallace, president of United Ministers organization in the Benton Harbor area, met with Charles McKenzie, director of the Michigan unit of OEO.

SKELETON STAFF

Mrs. Ford and Rev. Wallace said McKenzie agreed to provide interim funding for a skeleton staff to keep the Neighborhood Youth Corps going here and said he would contact the Department of Health Education and Welfare about resuming Head Start as soon as possible.

A Tri-CAP delegation is scheduled to take its case to Washington Sunday for a high level appeal for refunding. The Chicago OEO office announced earlier that federal funds will stop Feb. 28. A meeting has been arranged for 10:30 a.m. Monday with Don Wortman,

assistant director of OEO. Yesterday's session in Chicago was requested by Rev. Wallace, assistant pastor of Beautiful Gate Baptist church. He said methods were discussed for continuing a community action program in the tri-county area. There are three possibilities: each county board of



REV. EUGENE WALLACE
Requested Meeting

commissioners could designate itself to run the program, they could redesignate Tri-CAP or they could designate a new agency.

The U.S. Department of Labor has authorized Tri-CAP to sponsor a Neighborhood Youth Corps program through May. The department authorized \$24,100 for jobs with governmental and nonprofit agencies. However, Tri-CAP would be unable to administer the program without OEO funds.

Mrs. Ford said the promise of funds for a skeleton staff would be for three persons to administer the youth corps.

Job Openings Are Announced

Applications will be received at the Benton Harbor post office for positions of clerk-carrier in all first and second class post offices in Michigan. Miss Mary Jane Cullinane, civil service examiner-in-charge, said applications will be received during the rest of February. Applications will open again in June and October.

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NORMAN ROGER
St. Mary's Board Chairman

South Haven Catholic School Drops 2 Grades

By STEVE McQuown
PAW PAW — A St. Mary's Catholic school official here Thursday expressed hope that a decision to eliminate two grades from the school will ultimately lead to a more financially sound school program.

Norman Roger, chairman of the school's board of education, expressed optimism that after the school's board, and parish council, voted this week to drop seventh and eighth grades effective next September.

There are now 33 pupils in each the seventh and eighth grades, and 24 in sixth

grade, and 216 pupils in all. The elimination of the two grades will mean a reduction from this year's budget of \$91,650 to about \$72,600 for next school year, Roger said.

HOPE FOR FUTURE

With reduced spending, he said, the board has projected finances and feels confident that the parish can finance grades one through six for at least the next three years, and hopefully thereafter.

The 52-year-old board chairman, a chemical engineer at the A. F. Murch Co. in Paw Paw, said he felt the board had three alternatives growing out of

a financial squeeze which is confronting nearly every parochial school.

The alternatives, he said, were: Keep things as they are, in spite of financial problems; cut back, as the board ultimately did; or close the school entirely.

"We were under tremendous pressure," he said. Roger said he feels the cutback "is what the parish generally wanted."

He said the program now projected is planned to "establish continuity and to win back the confidence" of some parishioners who, fearing the school would close down completely, took their

children out of class.

'RELEASED TIME'

To appeal to those parents who want religious training for their children, there is in the planning stage a "released time" agreement with public school officials.

According to preliminary plans, Roger said, seventh and eighth graders who would go to public school, and hopefully students in grades nine through 12, could be released to take religious training "we feel

we have a good program," Rogers said.

He noted that parishioners have chipped in to help teach enrichment classes, such as electronics, sewing, art and others, that are not

offered regularly.

And with the school on a sounder basis, he said, it is hoped that Catholic parents in other towns, Decatur, Lawton and Mattawan, can be persuaded to make use of the school.

TWO GIRLS SHOT TO DEATH IN SOUTH BEND

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Two girls were shot to death Thursday night and four persons were wounded when two men fired into a home, climaxing what police termed a "domestic argument."

Two young brothers were arrested about two hours after the

shootings and held on preliminary charges of murder. They were identified as Matthew, 20, and Teft Ross, 19, of South Bend.

Police Capt. Robert Seals said Gwen Huggins, 17, and her sister, Emma, 15, were killed

when two men came to the Huggins home, pushed open the front door and began firing into the living room.

The dead girls' mother, Nevada Huggins, 56, and another daughter, Louis, 20, were among the wounded. Two-year-old twins Blair and Tina Huggins escaped injury.

Capt. Seals said the investigation, although incomplete, indicated the shootings "stemmed from a domestic argument and apparently one of the Ross brothers had been married to a Huggins girl."

Foster Parents Receive Honors

Foster parents, who provide important care for children before they are adopted, were presented citations last night at the annual meeting of the Southwestern branch of Michigan Children's Aid society.

The meeting, at Schuler's restaurant, was the first in which the foster parents met with board members of the Children's Aid society.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lawrence of St. Joseph were honored for ten years of service. Mrs. Willodean Crippin of St. Joseph, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene DeFields of Coloma; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lewis of Niles and Mr. and Mrs. Melford Province and Mr. and Mrs. John Semadeni of Berrien Springs, received certificates marking five years of service.

Miss Nancy Green, caseworker, made the presentation.

LIKE REAL PARENTS

John Vielbig of Lansing, director of adoption and foster care for Michigan Department of Social Services, told the 50 present that a survey indicated foster parents identify themselves as real parents to the children they tend.

Vielbig reviewed various programs by public and private agencies in the care of homeless children. He urged newsletters be developed and manuals prepared for the instruction of new foster parents.

Society President Lee Hornack said obtaining Verne H. Robbert as director and eliminating a large deficit highlighted the year's operations. Income was listed as \$77,122 and expenses

\$76,201.

STATISTICS QUOTED

Statistics indicated 45 adoptive studies were held; 67 children placed in homes. Seventy-two children representing 8,460 days of foster care were recorded.

Officers are Hornack; Stephen Upton and Thomas Tyler, vice presidents; Lt. George Howe, treasurer, and Mrs. John Tiffany, secretary.

Board members are Ralph Carnegie, Paul French, Dr. David Hills, Mrs. Richard Judd, the Rev. Gerald Kelley, Forrest Skelley, Clifford Klapp, Mrs. A. S. Knipschild, Mrs. Ralph Mack, Richard McCarty, Mrs. William Parks, Mrs. Robert Ross, Mrs. John Ryan, Dr. George Schuster, Mrs. Leonard Schweitzer, Mrs. Owen Skelton, Mrs. Stanley Stock, William Tyus and Mrs. Richard Welton.



HONOR FOSTER PARENTS: Lee Hornack (left) president of the Michigan Children's Aid society, southwestern branch, stands beside Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Lawrence who were honored for 10 years of foster care for children. Also standing is Miss

Nancy Green, caseworker, and John Semadeni and Melford Province of Berrien Springs. Seated are Mrs. Willodean Crippin (left), Mrs. Semadeni and Mrs. Province. (Staff photo)

Teske Vows He Won't Quit Post



NEIL TESKE

HARTFORD — The employment status of this city's police chief remained clouded today. Neil Teske, chief of the force since August, 1970, said he had no intention of complying with a request to resign the \$8,480-a-year post as issued in the name of the police committee of the city council.

Teske said the verbal request had been presented to him by Arthur Swisher, a council member and chairman of the police committee. He declined to elaborate on reasons.

A special meeting of the council has been called for Saturday to consider the situation.

AFTER DEPARTURE

The session is scheduled to start after Teske is slated to leave for a two-week tour of duty with the Navy. The 32-year-old chief is a Navy reservist.

Under city charter regulations, the council must act in the hiring or dismissal of a chief.

Swisher, reached Thursday at

his home, said, "I'd rather not talk about it until after the council meets." He would neither confirm nor deny the report that the police committee had made a recommendation in the case.

Mayor Wesley Knapp also declined to comment publicly.

Teske was hired as chief from a similar post in Bridgman. He served on the Benton Harbor and South Haven police forces before going to Bridgman.

In January, the council raised the chief's salary to the \$8,480 level from \$8,000.

Death Car Driver Accused

SOUTH HAVEN — A Grand Junction man has been charged with negligent homicide in connection with the auto death of a South Haven man last August.

Edward Allen Davis, 22, demanded a preliminary examination Thursday when arraigned in Seventh District court on a state police warrant. He was released on personal recognizance bond pending the March 8 preliminary examination.

Davis was charged in connection with the death of Donald Selles, 22. He is accused of driving the auto which skidded out of control on county road 376 in Covert township and rolled over several times.

Selles was believed to be a passenger in the car and Davis the driver. Two hitchhikers in the back seat were not injured.

Police said that Davis was hospitalized by injuries from the accident and could not be charged until recently.

TO APPLY FOR FUNDS

Galien Moves To Curb Pollution

LANSING — Galien village officials promised the State Water Resources Commission Thursday that the village would apply by Sept. 1 for state funds to build its proposed sewage treatment plant.

The village had been ordered

to appear at the state hearing on complaint of the commission that the village was dumping untreated human wastes from homes and businesses into the Galien river.

Members of the Paw Paw

Lake Regional Sewage Planning commission also appeared in conference with the commission Thursday to file a progress report on its proposed \$11 million sewage treatment project.

Rex Hinman, Galien village trustee and sewage commissioner, told the commission the village was acting in good faith to build the sewage plant estimated to cost \$531,000.

He assured state officials that the commission's timetable for the proposed plant would be followed by the village.

The state proposed that a preliminary engineering study be approved by Aug. 1; detailed plans and specifications approved by May 1, 1972, award contracts by May 1, 1972, and complete construction by Dec. 31, 1973.

According to village officials they have been trying for two years to obtain federal and state grants to assist in building the plant.

The state, in January, informed the village that 1971 funds for such assistance were already allocated but Galien should make immediate application for 1972 funds.

In conference after the Galien hearing Thursday Paw Paw Lake Commission Chairman Fred Munchow, Jr., reported on the status of the Coloma city and township sewage project. The water resources representatives told the Paw Paw lake group they feel confident the project contracts can be let about Oct. 1.

Munchow said the Oct. 1 date was mentioned as a possible one by the state officials but he's certain the date is not a deadline for the project.

The sewage commission is

comprised of representatives of the cities and townships of Coloma and Watervliet to plan the construction of a sewage

treatment facility and lines to

serve the four governmental

agencies. Estimated project

cost is \$11 million.

BRIDGMAN

Railroad Crossing Hearing Continues

BRIDGMAN—Officials of the state Public Service commission and the communities of Bridgman and Lake township were meeting again today on the proposed installation of flasher lights at three railroad crossings here.

State officials called for a private conference with elected officials of the two municipalities for 9 a.m. following a day-long hearing Thursday. The public hearing was to resume after the conference.

The state is considering ordering the installation of flasher lights at the Rambo road, Church street and Baldwin road crossings of the Chesapeake and Ohio railroad. The closing of the Rambo road crossing is also being considered.

FINANCING HIT

Bridgman officials object to the possible installation order on grounds of financing. Installation involving the three, they have said, would cost about \$35,000 totally with the city required to pay half.

Mayor Lester Krumrie told the hearing Thursday, "We are not in any way financially able to participate now."

Krumrie, however, said the

city might be able to pay its share if the cost was spread over three years.

One proposal by Attorney William Lagoni regarding Rambo road appeared acceptable to state officials to avoid either closing Rambo road or putting in flasher lights immediately.

Lagoni, representing Lake township and the Rambo Nurseries, proposed that a non-flasher crossing light be installed; that trees and an old barn which he said obstruct view be removed; and that the road be resurfaced with not over a one per cent grade from either side.

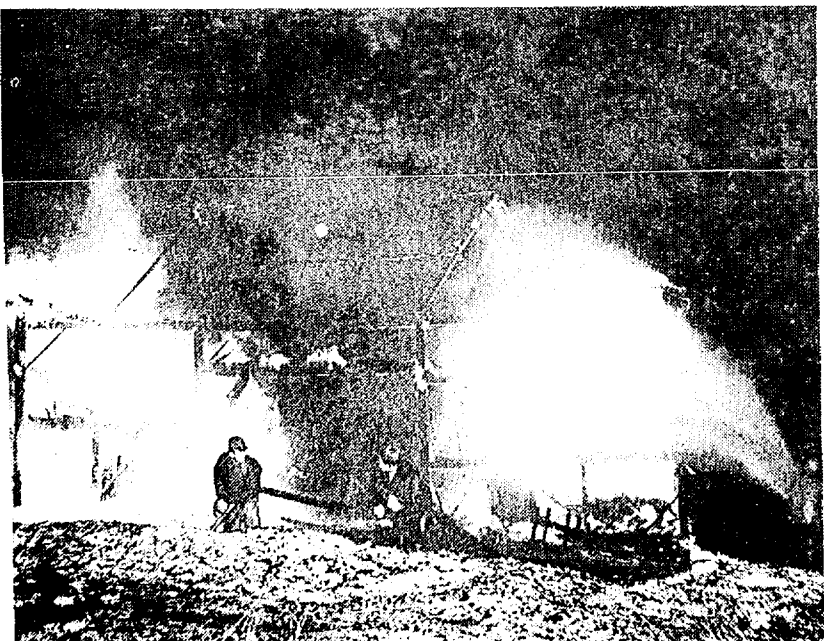
W. S. Teslewicz, inspector for the railroad division of the commission, said, if carried out, the steps could put off the proposed installation of flasher lights there and the closing.

Bloodmobile Sets Visit

LAWRENCE — The Red Cross Bloodmobile is scheduled to be at the American Legion hall here Tuesday from noon to 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Harold Sill, chairman of the committee responsible for the visit, said donors should be between 18 and 66 years of age and in good health. Potential donors are screened before blood is removed, she said.

In 1970, the clinic acquired 97 pints of donated blood. The figure in 1969 was over 100 pints.



FENNVILLE FIRE: Five six-month old calves died and orchard equipment was destroyed in a barn fire last night in Fennville. Firemen received the alarm about 11:40 p.m. and went to the farm owned by Donald Moeller, 626 West Main street. Richard Scovill, funeral director for the Chapel funeral home, located across the street from the farm, discovered the fire. No one was injured in the blaze and the origin of the fire is undetermined. The Moeller's also lost a new pick-up truck in the fire and Paul Bayless, former owner, lost equipment he had in storage in the barn. No estimate of damage is available. (Prosch-Jensen photo)

TELL JOKES

New Vending Machines Are Really Funny

PLYMOUTH (AP)—Residents in Plymouth and nearby Northville will soon be able to drop a coin in a vending machine and get not only some cookies but a thank you and a joke.

"Thanks for the dime," quips the machines which are handled by M. A. Delbussio of Plymouth, a distributor for the Dallas-based Usery Industries.

That's followed by a joke. For example—"Say, my mother-in-law got a mud pack. For two days she looked nice. Then the mud fell off."

Each replaceable tape holds about 40 different messages for playback through the machine.

UP IN SMOKE

EINDHOVEN, Netherlands (AP) — Forty million cigars went up in smoke today when the old Karel I cigar plant and stores burned to fragrant ashes.

Traffic Deaths

By The Associated Press
Feb. 19 State Police Count
This Year 193
Last Year 254

SOUTH HAVEN

Chamber Of Commerce Will Meet Thursday

SOUTH HAVEN—The Greater South Haven Area Chamber of Commerce will hold its semi-annual business meeting Thursday at the Red Carpet restaurant.

Featured will be a film, "The River That Came Back," which was produced by Consumers Power company. Reservations must be made at the Chamber office no later than Monday.